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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA: RIO FREE TIME

REF: STATE 086662

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, FREE TIME IS SCHEDULED FOR DINNER AND EVENING MAY 19 .
2. LIKEWISE NO REPEAT NO BUSINESS AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS SCHEDULED MAY 20 THROUGH LUNCH MAY 21. ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS RE POSSIBLE SCENIC, RELAXATION OR RECREATION ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BELOW.
3. CONGEN STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE IF SECRETARY COULD SPEAK BRIEFLY TO AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN PERSONNEL, ASSEMBLED IN CONGEN AUDITORIUM, ON AFTERNOON MAY 21 (REF STATE 086618, PARAGRAPH 13). TIMING CAN BE LEFT FLEXIBLE UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY' S ARRIVAL.
4. CONGEN WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO HOST SMALL INFORMAL DINNER ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 21, FOR SECRETARY AND IMMEDIATE PARTY, NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL FUNCTION.
5. FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE WEEKEND
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ARRIVAL MAKES DESIRABLE THAT WE HAVE ADVANCE INDICATION OF WHAT PARTY PRINCIPALS MIGHT LIKE TO DO.

A. SPORTS: GOLF CAN BE ARRANGED AT THE CITY' S TWO GOLF

CLUBS, GAVEA AND ITANHANGA, BOTH NEAR THE HOTEL NACIONAL WHERE THE PARTY IS SCHEDULED TO STAY. TENNIS CLUBS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE DISTANT. ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

B. SPECTATOR SPORTS: SOCCER GAME BETWEEN LEADING PROFESSIONAL TEAMS TAKES PLACE SUNDAY AT RIO'S FAMED MARACANA STADIUM AT 1700 HOURS. WITH ADVANCE NOTICE WE COULD ARRANGE USE OF OFFICIAL RESERVED SEATING AREAS.

C. YACHTING: THREE- HOUR SIGHTSEEING CRUISES COULD BE ARRANGED ON GUANABARA BAY. THIS WOULD REQUIRE ARRANGING IN ADVANCE FOR SUITABLE LARGE CRAFT FROM EITHER (A) UNITED STATES COMPANY OPERATING HERE (BEST ARE UNION CARBIDE OR ITT). (B) PROMINENT BRAZILIANS (WHO MIGHT EXPECT TO BE PRESENT), OR (C) STATE OF GUANABARA (WHICH WOULD GIVE SOMETHING OF AN OFFICIAL FLAVOR).

D. ART: WITH ADVANCE NOTICE WE COULD ARRANGE FOR PRIVATE ACCESS TO VARIOUS GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS.

6. CARS AND ESCORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, WITHOUT ADVANCE PLANNING, FOR FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

A. SWIMMING: HOTEL IS ON GAVEA BEACH AND ALSO HAS LARGE FRESHWATER POOL. OTHER BEACHES CAN BE REACHED BY CAR.

B. SIGHTSEEING: CONGEN RECOMMENDS MINIMAL SIGHTSEEING TRIPS ON SUNDAY ACCOUNT CONGESTED TRAFFIC IN AREAS OF INTEREST. SUGGEST SIGHTSEEING TRIPS BE TAKEN MAINLY ON MONDAY IN CITY, ALONG BEACHES, TO CORCOVADO, SUGAR LOAF, AND PERHAPS NEARBY MOUNTAIN RESORT TOWN OF PETROPOLIS.

C. SHOPPING: CONGEN CAN PROVIDE ESCORTS ON MONDAY FOR SHOPPING. MEMBERS OF PARTY MAY BE INTERESTED ALSO IN SUNDAY MIDDAY HANDICRAFT STREET FAIR.

7. CONGEN WILL APPRECIATE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION POSSIBLE REGARDING ITEMS IN PARAGRAPH 5.
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